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BEAUTY SYSTEMS GROUP LLC
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NOTE CHANGES MADE BY THE COURT

10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

12 McPROUD INC., A NEVADA
13 CORPORATION,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 ARMSTRONG McCALL, L.P., A TEXAS
17 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP; BEAUTY
SYSTEMS GROUP LLC (ADDED AS DOE
#1); DOES 2 THROUGH 10, INCLUSIVE,

18 Defendants.

19 Case No: SACV 11-1504 JST (SSx)

20 **STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

21 Hon. Josephine Staton Tucker
Courtroom 10A

22 Complaint: Aug. 16, 2011
First Amended Complaint: Oct. 27, 2011

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STIPULATION

Plaintiff McProud Inc. (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Armstrong McCall, L.P. and Beauty Systems Group LLC (“Defendants”), by and through their undersigned counsel of record, and subject to the approval of the Court, stipulate to the following Protective Order as set forth below:

1. In connection with any discovery proceedings in this action, the parties may agree ~~or the Court may direct~~ that any document, thing, material, testimony or other information derived therefrom, produced by any party or third-party in response to discovery requests and/or subpoenas, be designated as "Confidential" under the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order ("Order"). Confidential information is information which has not been made public and which concerns or relates to the processes, operations, type of work, or apparatus, or to the production, sales, shipments, purchases, transfers, identification of customers, inventories, amount or source of any income, profits, losses, or expenditures of any persons, firm, partnership, corporation, or other organization, the disclosure of which information may have the effect of causing harm to the competitive position of the person, firm, corporation or to the organization from which the information was obtained and/or which is otherwise privileged, confidential, proprietary or competitively sensitive and protected from public disclosure under applicable Federal or California State law.

2. Confidential information including documents, interrogatory answers, responses to requests for admission, and the information contained therein, shall be so designated by stamping copies of the document produced to a party with the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" on every page of any such document.

3. Testimony taken at a deposition, conference, hearing or trial may be designated as confidential by making a statement to that effect on the record at the deposition or other proceeding, or upon subsequent review of such transcript, which counsel shall designate within thirty (30) days after counsel's receipt of such transcript from the court reporter. Arrangements shall be made with the court reporter taking and

1 transcribing such proceeding to separately bind such portions of the transcript containing
2 information designed as confidential, and to label such portions appropriately.

3 4. Material designated as confidential under this Order, the information
4 contained therein, and any summaries, copies, abstracts, or documents derived in whole
5 or in part from material designated as confidential ("Confidential Material") shall be used
6 only for the purpose of the prosecution, defense, or settlement of this action and for no
7 other purpose.

8 5. Confidential Material produced pursuant to this Order may be disclosed or
9 made available only to the Court, to counsel for a party (including the paralegal, clerical
10 and secretarial staff employed by such counsel), and to the "qualified persons" designated
11 below:

- 12 a. A party, or an officer, director, or employee of a party deemed
13 necessary by counsel to aid in the prosecution, defense, or settlement
14 of this action;
- 15 b. A witness at any deposition or proceedings in this action;
- 16 c. Court reporters employed in this action;
- 17 d. Experts or consultants (together with their clerical staff) retained by
18 such counsel to assist in the prosecution, defense or settlement of this
19 action;
- 20 e. Any other person as to whom the parties in writing agree.

21 Prior to receiving any confidential material, "qualified persons" listed in
22 subparagraphs 5(b) and 5(d) shall be provided with a copy of this Order and shall execute
23 a non-disclosure agreement in the form of Attachment A, a copy of which shall be
24 maintained by the counsel who is providing the materials.

25 6. The portion of any deposition in which Confidential Material is discussed
26 shall be taken only in the presence of qualified persons, as defined above.

27 7. The parties may further designate discovery materials or testimony of a
28 highly confidential and/or proprietary nature as "CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEY'S

1 EYES ONLY" (hereinafter "Attorney's Eyes Only Material"), in the manner described in
 2 paragraphs 2 and 3 above. Attorney's Eyes Only Material shall be that Confidential
 3 Material, including any document, file, portion of file, transcribed testimony or other
 4 material that the designating party in good faith reasonably believes to comprise trade
 5 secrets or other competitively sensitive confidential information, the disclosure of which
 6 would be likely to cause competitive harm. Attorney's Eyes Only Material, and the
 7 information contained therein, shall be disclosed only to the Court, to counsel for the
 8 parties (including the paralegal, clerical, and secretarial staff employed by such counsel),
 9 and to the "qualified persons" listed in subparagraphs 5(d) through (e) above, but shall
 10 not be disclosed to a party, or to an officer, director or employee of a party, unless
 11 otherwise agreed or ordered. If disclosure of Attorney's Eyes Only Material is made
 12 pursuant to this paragraph, all other provisions in this order with respect to confidentiality
 13 shall also apply.

14 8. Nothing herein shall impose any restrictions on the use or disclosure by a
 15 party of material obtained by such party independent of discovery in this action, whether
 16 or not such material is also obtained through discovery in this action, or from disclosing
 17 its own Confidential Material as it deems appropriate.

18 9. If Confidential Material, including any portion of a deposition transcript
 19 designated as Confidential or Attorney's Eyes Only, is included in any papers to be filed
 20 with the Court, such papers shall be labeled "Confidential ~~Subject to Court Order~~" and
 21 filed ~~under seal until further order of this Court.~~ See L.R. 79-5. *SJR*

22 10. In the event that any Confidential Material is used in any court proceeding in
 23 this action, it shall not lose its confidential status through such use, and the party using
 24 such shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its confidentiality during such use. The
 25 parties shall use their best efforts to include Confidential Material in Court filings only
 26 when absolutely necessary, and shall, to the extent possible, file redacted versions of
 27 sealed filings that redact any portions of those filings that contain or reflect Confidential
 28 Material.

1 11. Receipt by any party of any Confidential Material does not constitute, nor is
 2 it to be construed to be, a waiver of any privilege or evidentiary objection, State or
 3 Federal.

4 12. An inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items as
 5 Confidential Material does not waive the designating party's right to secure protection
 6 under this Order for such materials. If the information is appropriately designated as
 7 Confidential Material after it was initially produced, the receiving party, on timely
 8 notification of the designation, must make reasonable efforts to assure that the
 9 Confidential Materials are treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

10 13. This Order shall be without prejudice to the right of the parties (i) to bring
 11 ~~to proceed under Local Rule 37 to resolve~~
~~before the Court at any time the question of whether any particular document or~~
~~information is confidential or whether its use shall be restricted, or (ii) to present~~
~~a motion to the Court under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) for a separate protective~~
~~order as to any particular document or information, including restrictions different from~~
~~those as specified herein. A party shall not be obligated to challenge the propriety of a~~
~~Confidential or Attorney's Eyes Only designation at the time made, and failure to do so~~
~~shall not preclude a subsequent challenge thereto during the pendency of this litigation.~~
~~In the event that any party to this litigation disagrees at any stage of these proceedings~~
~~with such designation, such party shall provide to the designating party with written~~
~~notice of its disagreement with the designation. The parties shall first try to dispose of~~
~~such dispute in good faith on an informal basis within ten (10) business days of notice of~~
~~the disagreement. If the dispute has not been resolved within this time period, the party~~
~~seeking to designate the information may initiate preparation of the joint stipulation~~
~~pursuant to L.R. 37-2.2. Completion and filing of the joint stipulation shall be as set forth~~
~~in L.R. 37-2.2. The burden of proving that information has been properly designated as~~
~~"Confidential" or "Attorney's Eyes Only" is on the producing party. Information~~
~~designated as Confidential Material shall retain this status as well as its category of~~
~~designation until such time as either: (a) the parties expressly agree otherwise in writing,~~

1 or (b) the Court orders otherwise, unless such order is stayed pending appellate review.

2 14. This Order shall not be deemed to prejudice the parties in any way in any
3 future application for modification of this Order.

4 15. Nothing in this Order nor the production of any information or document
5 under the terms of this Order nor any proceedings pursuant to this Order, shall be deemed
6 to have the effect of an admission or waiver of objections or privileges by either party or
7 of altering the confidentiality or non-confidentiality of any such document or information
8 or altering any existing right or obligation of any party or the absence thereof.

9 16. This Order shall survive the final termination of this action, to the extent that
10 the information contained in Confidential Material is not or does not become known to
11 the public and the Court shall retain jurisdiction to resolve any dispute concerning the use
12 of information disclosed hereunder. Within sixty (60) days of the dismissal or entry of
13 final judgment in this action, whichever occurs first, each party shall return to the
14 producing party all Confidential Materials and any and all copies thereof.

15 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

16 Dated: June 5, 2012

17 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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21 Attorneys for Defendants ARMSTRONG
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22 GROUP LLC

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24 Dated: June 5, 2012

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28 Attorneys for Plaintiff
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ORDER

For good cause shown, stay

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED.

Las Américas.

Dated: June 8, 2012

Hon. Josephine S. Tucker
U.S. District Judge

Suzanne H. Segal
U.S. Magistrate Judge

ATTACHMENT A

NON DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____ [print or type full name], of
_____ [print or type full address],
declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the
Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the
Central District of California in the case of *McProud Inc. v. Armstrong McCall, L.P., et al.*, Case No. SACV 11-1504 JST (SSx). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all
the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge that
failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of
contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or
item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person or entity except in
strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

15 I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for
16 the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Stipulated
17 Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this
18 action.

Date: _____

City and State where sworn and signed: _____

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____